



General Assembly

January Session, 2005

**Substitute Bill No. 5595**

\* \_\_\_\_\_ HB05595PD \_\_\_\_\_ 042705 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF BANTAM LAKE FOR PRESERVATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Section 22a-339f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2       following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3       The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall:

4       (1) Designate a lake located in two or more municipalities and  
5       Bantam Lake in Morris and Litchfield to be the subject of a program of  
6       preservation which may serve as a pilot program for the preservation  
7       and enhancement of the historic, cultural, recreational, economic,  
8       scenic, public health and environmental value of lakes in this state;

9       (2) Encourage partnerships and agreements with municipalities  
10      which are contiguous to the [lake] lakes and, to the greatest extent  
11      practicable under law, direct programs, grants and technical assistance  
12      so as to provide environmental support to the [lake] lakes;

13      (3) Coordinate state and municipal activities and resources to  
14      preserve, protect and restore the [lake and its shoreline] lakes and their  
15      shorelines;

16      (4) Provide access to existing scientific data and information relating  
17      to the [lake, its shoreline] lakes, their shorelines and watershed [area]

18 areas to the municipalities in which [it is] they are located;

19 (5) Cooperate with such municipalities to promote and encourage  
 20 public use and enjoyment of the resource for all lawful purposes  
 21 consistent with achievement of the other goals set forth in this section;

22 (6) Provide, upon request of such municipalities, an agency  
 23 representative to whom they may communicate goals and needs and  
 24 who shall facilitate communication and interaction between such  
 25 municipalities and the state; and

26 (7) Cooperate with the contiguous municipalities in any efforts to  
 27 protect and preserve the character of the [designated lake as such  
 28 municipalities may undertake] lakes designated pursuant to  
 29 subdivision (1) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22a-339f

**ENV**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**PD**      *Joint Favorable*